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1. The majority of the Rumanian population detests the Rumanian political exponents in exile. The diversity of points of view existing among the various political Rumanian groups in exile is well known to those who did not have the fortune of escaping to foreign countries. The latter are unanimously of the opinion that a unified effort directed at saving the Rumanian nation should replace the present preoccupation with politics.
2. In the event of Rumania's liberation, it is not believed that any of the present would-be leaders of the Rumanian resistance abroad would carry any weight in Rumania. With their two or three proclamations a year to the suffering Rumanian people, they certainly have not contributed to solving the problems which today assail the majority of the population. Neither by radio nor in other ways does any message of solidarity on the part of the chiefs in exile reach these unfortunate people. Only an occasional message at Christmas, Easter, or New Year, but nothing more.
3. The position of the present resistance heads in exile is weak, in short, because they are held responsible in part for the lack of any organized movement of resistance within the country, since only those who are free and can express themselves freely in a free world can serve as rallying points for the oppressed population.
4. Rumanians in Rumania today will have nothing to do with General Nicolae Radescu, in whom they placed all their hope when he succeeded in escaping to the West; and even less with Grigore Gafencu and Alexander Cretzianu who are accused of having taken possession of considerable Rumanian State funds with which they should have helped the national resistance movements in Rumania.
5. The Hungarian, Bulgarian, Polish, Czech and even Albanian exiled leaders try to impress on the public opinion of the world the necessity of rescuing their countries. The Rumanians instead do nothing; the only news that reaches the West on what is really happening today in Rumania comes from newspaper correspondents. The failure to diffuse information on Rumania is due to the dissention among the politicians. Any intellectual

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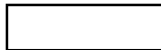
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Rumanian in exile seems to believe himself authorized to establish a government for the future and to name the ministers of his cabinet. In the meantime no one thinks of doing anything of real aid to his fellow countrymen in suffering, either by word or deed. The masses of the people know this and therefore detest these would-be present heads abroad.

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